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Special Assistant for Coordination
of Foreign Narcotics Information
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear [redacted]
(S) Reference is made to your memorandum dated October 1, 1979,
subject: Request for Traces on Dr. Josef MENGELE, Felix BECKER,
Enio VARELA Segovia, and Associates.

(S) Files of the U.S. Customs Service Headquarters contain no identifiable record regarding Dr. Josef MENGELE, DPOB: 1911, Gunzburg, Germany, or any of his aliases as listed in your request with the exception of the alias Dr. Henrique WOLLMAN. The record on Dr. WOLLMAN is a copy of CIA Report No. CSDB-312/03767-72, dated September 26, 1972. Our files contain no further data regarding this individual. Likewise, our files contain no identifiable record regarding the firm MENGELE & Son of Asuncion, Paraguay, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, or the firm Fadro (Fardo) KG. S.A of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(S) U.S. Customs Service's files contain extensive data regarding Felix Rogelio (Regelio) BECKER Machi, aka: Rabi, Bobby, DPOB: 04/05/35, and some information on General Andres RODRIGUEZ Pedotti, DPOB: 06/19/23, Paraguay, including the aforementioned [CSDB-3]2/03767-72. Our files also contain data on Enio Anibal VARELA Segovia, DPOB: 06/02/36, Paraguay, including a memorandum from the Office of the Director, CIA, dated May 4, 1972, subject: Possible Involvement of High-Level Official of the Paraguayan Government in the Smuggling of Narcotics, which has as an attachment an extract from Information Report [CSDB-312/01822-72]. Our files also contain reference to Carlos BARRETO as a result of his mention in [CSDB-312/03767-72]. Files of this Service contain no identifiable mention of Alban KRÜG, Baron Alexander von ECKSTEIN, or Werner JUNG.

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(S) With the exception of the above CIA documents, all of the data in Customs files regarding BECKER, RODRIGUEZ, VARELA, AND BARRETO relates to the October 27, 1970, arrest of BECKER and VARELA in New York which culminated in judicial action against Auguste RICORD and is of vintage circa 1970-72. Through separate channels, we have been advised that the major thrust of your current interest in these individuals pertains to financial aspects of their alleged narcotics activites. The financial information files of this Service, which are segregated from all other files and under separate controls, are still being searched and will be the subject of a separate reply from this office. In view of the foregoing and our belief that the rather dated data in our files would provide no significant new insight into a notorious event of 9 years ago, we are not forwarding copies of our file material at this time. If, after receipt of the financial-related information, you determine that our data may be useful, we will be happy to entertain a request at that time or arrange for someone from your office to visit this Service Headquarters to screen the material in view of its volume and the fact some of the material is only marginally suitable for copying.

Sincerely,



Vernon V. Harn
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Border Operations

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